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SUBJECT: ICEM/LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM

FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. IATF HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM WITH JOHN THOMAS, DIRECTOR, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM).

2. ICEM HAS HAD FOR SOME YEARS A SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAM WITH CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS COLUMBIA, COSA RICA, ECUADOR AND NICARAGUA. ICEM HAS ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO FURTHER SETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, ICEM IS ONLY CONSIDERING A LIMITED PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ALLOW ICEM TO RE-LOCATE CERTAIN REFUGEES HAVING PARTICULAR SKILLS FAIRLY QUICKLY.

3. IATF BELIEVES THIS PROGRAM MEETS OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE REFUGEE PROBLEM TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

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4. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE AGREED WITH ICEM THAT THEY WILL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM AT PENDLETON BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 3. WE HAVE ALSO AGREED THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO OFFER OFFICE SPACE (4-5 PERSONS) AND DESKS AND TYPEWRITERS TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE LOCALLY AVAILABLE. EVERY EFFORT UNCLASSIFIED

SHOULD BE MADE TO LOCATE ICEM REPRESENTATIVES IN PROXIMITY TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO FACILITATE THEIR WORK.

5. ICEM WILL CONDUCT THE PROGRAM IN A LOW KEY MANNER. THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN A LARGE SCALE OR PUBLIC PROGRAM TO PROMOTE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA SINCE AT THIS POINT WE ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT A PROGRAM WHICH MAY RESETTLE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN LATIN AMERICA. FURTHERMORE, ICEM WILL COORDINATE THEIR APPROACH AND WORK WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ENSURE THERE IS NO DUPLICATION OF EFFORT OR CONFLICT BETWEEN ICEM AND VOLAG OBJECTIVES.

6. ONCE ICEM HAS LAUNCHED THIS PILOT PROGRAM AT PENDLETON THEY WILL CONSIDER SETTING UP SIMILAR OPERATIONS AT CHAFFEE, EGLIN, AND INDIANTOWN. SEPARATE INFORMATION ON TIMING AND SCHEDULES WILL BE PROVIDED AS ICEM PLANNING BECOMES FIRMER.

7. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE SENIOR CIVILIAN COORDINATORS TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SEPARATE AREA FOR THOSE REFUGEES DESTINED TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND IS WORKING ON GUAM. IT PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO CONTAIN THIS GROUP AND IMPROVE HANDLING AND PROCESSING PROCEDURES. WE WOULD HOPE ICEM COULD HELP IN THE GENERAL AREA OF FACILITATING TRAVEL TO THIRD COUNTRIES. INGERSOLL

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